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FBI Reportedly Learned in '64 Of Oswald Offer to Cubans

NEW YORK, May 26 (AP)—Cuban leader Fidel Castro told an FBI informant in 1964 that Lee Harvey Oswald approached Cuban authorities with an offer to kill John F. Kennedy two months before he shot the president, ABC News reports.

In a documentary to be broadcast June 3, ABC News says then-FBI director J. Edgar Hoover sent Morris Childs, a member of the Communist Party of the U.S.A., to find out what the Cuban leader knew about the assassination.

James Hosty, the Dallas FBI agent in charge of Oswald's file before the assassination on Nov. 22, 1963, said Childs learned of Oswald's contact with officials at Cuba's embassy in Mexico City. The documentary does not say how Cuba responded.

Instead of following up Childs' report, Hoover relied on reports from Soviet defector Yuri Nosenko and a double agent, code-named "Fedora," who said no foreign nation was involved in a conspiracy to kill Kennedy, the documentary reports.